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Dear Sir:

SPECIES ELECTION

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 2, 2004. The Office Action requires that Applicants elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Applicants provisionally elect Species II as represented by Figures 11-15, which corresponds to claims 1-44 of the application. The Office Action further requires an election of one of six sub-species as set forth in the Office Action. Applicants provisionally elect Sub-Species C, which corresponds to claims 33-35 of the application. Applicants submit that claims 1-32 and 36-44 are generic with respect to all of the sub-species. The Examiner indicated that, upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to the other species which depend from the allowed generic claim. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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